

WIFE'S SHAME CAUSED HER TO TAKE HER LIFE.

Found by Her Husband in a Room With a Prominent Railroad Man, Drinking Champagne.

LIVELY SCENE FOLLOWED.

Husband Wealthy and Prominent. Had Made Arrangements to Institute Divorce Proceedings.

PORT JERVIS, N. Y., Dec. 12.—Florence S. Millineux Wickham, wife of J. Emmett Wickham, committed suicide at 4 o'clock this morning, by shooting herself with a pistol. The husband sleeps in a room on the opposite side of the hall, and says he was awakened by hearing two shots in his wife's room. He hurried in and found his wife disrobed for bed, sitting in a chair dead, and a pistol clamped in her right hand.

Mr. Wickham and his wife had been married about two years. She was his second wife and her age was thirty-nine years.

Mr. Wickham told the reporters that when he went home last night at 9:30 he found his wife's room darkened and silent, an unusual circumstance. He wanted an extra quilt for his bed and tried to get in his wife's room. As her key was inside of the lock he demanded admittance. She opened the door and protested against his entrance, but he forced his way in.

Found Champagne Cork.

He says he found a cork screw on the bed attached to the cork of an empty bottle of champagne. Under a cot in Mrs. Wickham's room her husband declares was J. R. W. Davis, of New York City, engineer of maintenance of way of the Erie railroad. Both he and Mrs. Wickham were fully dressed. A scene followed and the husband says he called witnesses for the purpose of having evidence in divorce proceedings. He also summoned Surgeon C. P. Howell, of Orange county, to arrange proceedings for divorce.

The wife protested that nothing had taken place. After this scene all left and the husband says he retired to his own room opposite his wife's, where he was sleeping when awakened by hearing two shots.

Mr. Wickham is worth from \$50,000 to \$75,000, and is the owner of valuable property here.

DRIVEN TO SUICIDE

By a Prominent Author—Sad Fate of a Wealthy Business Man.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The World to-morrow will say:

The reason Sidney Samuel, a wealthy exporter of this city, killed himself in a hotel in Portland, Me., on Monday night, was revealed yesterday. He shot himself because he could not marry the woman he loved, Mrs. Anita Vivanti Chartres, a beautiful and talented author and playwright.

Mr. Samuel's father, the Rabbi Israel, who is looked on as the head of the Jewish church in Great Britain, bitterly opposed the marriage of his son to Mrs. Chartres, on the ground of difference in their religion. Mrs. Chartres is a Catholic.

Yielding to the plea of his father, Mr. Samuel broke off his engagement to Mrs. Chartres, almost on the eve of the day set for their wedding.

From that day he was a changed man. He lost all interest in life and became so melancholy that his brothers employed a man to watch him lest he commit suicide.

PROMISING FUTURE

For Steel and Iron Workers—Contract for 1,000,000 Tons to be Delivered Next Year.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 12.—The Commercial Gazette to-morrow will say:

Rail producers have taken on contracts for delivery next year amounting in round numbers to 1,000,000 tons. It is a heavier award of new business than the rail makers had secured at the opening of the year 1900.

A few days ago the New York Central and Hudson River railroad company apportioned its rail order, covering practically the quota this interest will require during the next calendar year. The order is for 80,000 tons at the spot price. Four big steel companies each get 20,000 tons. Participating are the Carnegie Steel Company, the Lackawanna Iron & Steel Company, the National Steel Company, and the Federal Steel Company.

In all lines of development of the iron and steel markets the past week, with a single exception, reveal nothing but a promising future. The plate producers, who have come to terms on prices by joining in an iron clad agreement, have their mills engaged ahead for months. On tin plate for deliveries through the first quarter of next year, the price has been advanced \$2 a ton. This makes the base price \$410 per 100 pound box, with the \$4 price obtaining for the rest of this month.

Kuhns Kills Two More.

LOGANSPOUT, Ind., Dec. 12.—Marvin Kuhns, who escaped from the Ohio penitentiary Monday, shot and killed two officers who were trying to arrest him at Avilla early to-day. Their names have not been ascertained. Kuhns was surrounded near here Monday night, but escaped, after seriously wounding Patrolman Dean. A posse has been hunting for him ever since Monday night.

HOME BY MIDNIGHT.

New York Supreme Court Rules That Women Should be in by the Twelfth Hour.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Justice Andrews, in the supreme court, to-day handed down a decision, in which he holds that a woman should be home by midnight. The question arose on an application by Florence Abell, a dressmaker, to enjoin Jacob A. Omdrake, her landlord, from closing the front door of the house and not immediately admitting her when she rang the bell. Miss Abell says she leased two rooms from the defendant to carry on her dressmaking and sleep in at \$35 a month. She was to be allowed to have her shop open from 7 a. m. to 10 p. m., but was to be admitted afterward at any reasonable time. She complained that on November 10 and 11, she was locked out, and on the second occasion could not obtain admittance and had to take a room at a hotel. She said that she was kept in all day to her business and did not think it unreasonable that she should go afterward to a theatre or elsewhere with friends. She asked that the owner be compelled either to give her a key or see that she was admitted whenever she rang the bell. Omdrake said it was necessary to keep the house locked at night, as the tenants had a great amount of valuables there. The first night, he said, there was some delay in admitting the plaintiff and the second night he and his family had gone to bed and did not hear her.

Justice Andrews said he could not compel the defendant to give the plaintiff a key to the outer door, as by the terms of her lease she was only entitled to access at reasonable hours. He granted her a preliminary injunction, requiring the defendant to permit her to enter her premises at all reasonable hours and promptly open the door for her up to 12 o'clock at night.

BOSTON IMPRISONED.

Employee of Wheeling Corrugating Company Sees the Sights of the Third City.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE INTELLIGENCER. PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Dec. 12.—The case of George L. Boston, employed here by the Wheeling Corrugating Company, who was arrested and sentenced to five days' imprisonment, by Judge Gordon, because he was crazed by the strong arm men who drugged and robbed him, is attracting great attention. Mayor Turner and the other city officials are endeavoring to place Boston in a bad light and excuse themselves, but are making a poor showing. Whether counsel will act in the matter is not yet determined.

JURY NOT INTERPRETERS

Of the Law, According to a State Supreme Court Decision.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE INTELLIGENCER. CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 12.—The state supreme court, Judge Brannon delivering the opinion, has settled that most mooted of legal questions, whether juries are judges of both law and evidence. By a decision it is settled that juries can only be guided in matters of law by the instructions of the court and cannot interpret the law. This is the first clear cut decision on that question in the state, and the opinion was concurred in by all the judges.

HEATON'S BID WAS LOWEST.

But the Mail-Tribune Received the State Printing Contract.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE INTELLIGENCER. CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 12.—The state printing and binding contract was to-day awarded to the Charleston Mail-Tribune, their bid being the lowest before the board on its final action. C. D. Heaton, of Parkersburg, had a bid \$92 lower, but withdrew a few minutes before final action was taken. The total bid for printing and binding is \$20,421.25. Diem & Wing, of Parkersburg, got the stationery contract at \$11,697.75.

New Electric Company Organizes.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE INTELLIGENCER. PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Dec. 12.—At a meeting of the stockholders of the Parkersburg and Marietta Railway Company, held this evening, C. H. Statuck was elected president, and J. M. Jackson, secretary and treasurer. The Cleveland company, which proposed to build a road between the same points has abandoned the project and dissolved, turning over its rights of way to the home company.

Played His Last Game of Craps.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE INTELLIGENCER. CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 12.—Virgie Whistler, of Winston, North Carolina, colored, was shot and fatally wounded by George C. Carter, also colored, here this morning. They fell out over a crap game in which Whistler lost \$5. Carter pulled a pistol and emptied five shots at the victim, all of which took effect. Whistler will die. Carter is in jail.

Veterinary Surgeons Meet.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE INTELLIGENCER. PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Dec. 12.—The West Virginia state veterinary association began a special session here to-day. President T. P. Ruhl, of Fairmont, presiding. The day was taken up with the preparation of a number of bills of importance to the association, which will be presented to the next legislature.

Mrs. Sprigg D. Camden Very Ill.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE INTELLIGENCER. NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Mrs. Sprigg D. Camden, of Parkersburg, W. Va., is seriously ill at the Waldorf-Astoria, with typhoid fever. Mr. and Mrs. Camden were married at Parkersburg last week and came here on their wedding trip. Mrs. Camden is a niece of Judge Nathan B. Goff.

Engineer and Fireman Killed.

OLEAN, N. Y., Dec. 12.—Passenger train No. 30, from Oil City, on the Western New York & Pennsylvania railroad, ran into an open switch here to-day and collided with some cars standing on the switch. The engine was badly wrecked. Both Fireman Patterson and Engineer Kidd were killed. None of the passengers were injured.

CELEBRATE CENTENNIAL OF THE NATION'S CAPITAL.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The exercises of the centennial day celebration began at 10:30 o'clock with a reception at the executive mansion given by the President to the governors of the states and territories, their ladies and the members of their staffs. The east room, the red, green and blue parlors, the corridors and staircases had been tastefully decorated with flowers and foliage plants in great numbers and in the flood of electric light presented a spectacle of rare beauty. The distinguished guests began to arrive at the mansion some time before 10 o'clock and half an hour later all of the large public rooms were comfortably filled, the brilliant military uniforms of the staff officers adding much to the spectacular effect of the scene.

President and His Cabinet.

At 10:30 o'clock the President descended the west stairway with Secretary Hay at his side. Immediately following were the other members of the cabinet walking two and two, the only absentee being Attorney General Griggs. As the President and party entered the west corridor the Marine band orchestra in dress uniform struck up "Hail to the Chief." Governor Roosevelt, of New York, who had been spending an hour with the President in the library on the second floor, came down a few minutes later and joined the other governors in the red parlor. As the orchestra struck up the inspiring strains of "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," the reception began, the presentations being made by Colonel Bingham, U. S. A.

List of Governors.

Following is a list of the governors present:

G. W. Atkinson, West Virginia; D. W. Bloxham, Florida, (represented by Col. F. Q. Brown); C. M. Barnes, Oklahoma; D. W. Jones, Arkansas; J. A. Mount, Indiana; C. S. Thomas, Colorado; E. W. Tamm, Delaware; L. M. Shaw, Iowa; Llewellyn Powers, Maine; F. W. Rollins, New Hampshire; F. M. Voorhes, New Jersey; J. M. Tyler, Virginia; M. A. Otero, New Mexico; F. Steunenberg, Idaho; Governor Stone, Pennsylvania; E. Scofield, Wisconsin; D. L. Russell, North Carolina; Theo. Roosevelt, New York; A. E. Lee, South Dakota; N. O. Murphy, Arizona; William Gregory, Rhode Island; J. W. Smith, Maryland; W. M. Crane, Massachusetts, and Governor W. W. Heard, Louisiana. Governor Stephens, of Mississippi, was represented by Governor-elect Dockery and the lieutenant governor. Governor Stickney, of Vermont, was represented by Adjutant General W. H. Gilmore. The following ex-governors were also present: Lloyd Lowndes, Maryland; A. S. Bushnell, Ohio; A. W. Fry, Texas; A. A. Markham, California.

Governor McKimlin's Sad News.

Benton McKimlin, of Tennessee, who had come on to attend the celebration, received a telegram this morning announcing the death of Mr. McKimlin's father, at their home in Kentucky, and after paying his respects to the President and explaining the cause of his departure to the local committee, left on the first train for home.

Following the reception, Col. Bingham exhibited his model for the proposed enlargement of the executive mansion, and explained its details.

Hon. H. B. MacFarland, president of the board of commissioners of the District of Columbia, then delivered an address on "The development of the District during the century 1800-1900."

Governor Shaw Closed.

Governor Shaw, of Iowa, closed the speechmaking at the white house with an address on the "Development of the states during the nineteenth century." The addresses were concluded at about 11:40 o'clock when the President and the members of the cabinet retired to the state dining room, where luncheon was served to the invited guests. Among those present were the members of the United States supreme court, the governors of the states, their ladies and their chief of staff, the speaker of the house and the president of the senate, the committees of Congress, the District historical society, the members of the District of Columbia, members of the American Institute of Architects and a large number of well known citizens of the district.

TRIUMPH FOR COMBERS.

Will be Re-Elected President of American Federation of Labor. Some Opposition to Him.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 12.—To-day's session of the American Federation of Labor apparently disclosed the fact that there will be little or no opposition to the re-election of Samuel Combers as president. Two propositions, the votes which may be regarded as tests, resulted in decisive triumphs for the ideas advocated by Mr. Combers. Max Hayes, of Cleveland, led the opposition in both instances, but the battle did not at any time become personal or bitter. One of the resolutions was to limit the term of the Federation's president in future to two years; the other provided for the election of the officers of the body by the initiative and referendum instead of a vote in mass convention on the last day of the annual session, as prevails at present. Both were defeated.

The contest for next year's convention appears to lie between Milwaukee and Scranton, Pa.

Prof. Henshaw Dies Suddenly.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Dec. 12.—Prof. Marshall Henshaw, of Amherst College, died suddenly to-day.

Imposing Ceremonies and Brilliant Pageant Witnessed by Thousands at Washington.

PRESIDENT REVIEWED PARADE.

Joint Branches of Congress Listen to Orations from Some of the Gifted Sons.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—With imposing ceremonies, the national capital to-day celebrated the centennial anniversary of the founding of the seat of the federal government in Washington. The exercises comprised a brilliant military parade, a review by the President from the east front of the capitol and orations in the hall of the house of representatives, where a brilliant audience was assembled. By act of Congress the day was made a national holiday in the District of Columbia, the government departments were closed, business was suspended and the whole city gave itself over to celebrating the capital's natal day. President McKinley and the members of his cabinet took a prominent part in all the exercises and with them were the chief executives of a large number of the states and territories of the Union, the senators and representatives in Congress, the judiciary of the United States supreme court, the ambassadors and ministers from foreign courts, the heads of the army and navy and a great outpouring of the people.

Scene of Great Brilliance.

Although Washington is the scene of many celebrations it is seldom that one has occurred here of greater brilliancy. In its out-door features or of more impressiveness in its ceremonial exercises at the capitol and at the white house. Early in the day the President received the governors of the states and territories at the white house and the model for a new and enlarged white house, to commemorate to-day's exercises, was unveiled with suitable addresses. At 1 o'clock the President was escorted to the capitol, where he reviewed a parade headed by Lieutenant General Miles and including the full military strength of the capital regulars and militia.

The ceremonies at the capitol began at 2:30 p. m., and included addresses by Senators Daniel, of Virginia, and McComas, of Maryland; Representatives Payne, of New York, and Richardson, of Tennessee, and a notable historic oration by Senator Hoar, of Massachusetts. A reception by the President to the governors of states, at the Corcoran Art Gallery, to-night, closed the festivities.

The great public spectacle of the day was the parade and escort to the President, from the white house to the east front of the capitol, where the President reviewed the marching thousands. At the head of the parade rode Lieutenant General Nelson A. Miles, chief marshal, in full uniform, mounted on a superb charger. His staff included Brigadier General Breckinridge and many other prominent officers, mounted and in uniform, presenting a brilliant appearance. The military forces participating included artillery, cavalry, marines and sailors. First came the Second United States Artillery, Lieutenant Colonel Myrick commanding, and three battalions of artillery from other regiments. The Fifth United States Cavalry, in the stunning uniforms and flowing yellow plumes, acted as the immediate escort of the President. Under Colonel William A. Rafferty, the troopers were assembled along the north curb of Pennsylvania avenue, fronting the white house, and as the President appeared the cavalry salute was given and the troopers wheeled in column of platoons and swept down the avenue toward the capitol.

President and Cabinet.

With the President were the various members of his cabinet, in carriages. Then came the National Guard of the District of Columbia, three regiments strong, Brigadier General Harries commanding.

Following the presidential party in the interest, excited was the notable procession of governors of the states and territories, with their staffs and military escorts. This gave a touch of individual interest to the people from many states and the chief executives were warmly welcomed all along the line of march. The governors marched in the order of the admission of states to the Union, Governor Tamm, of Delaware, coming first.

Packed Masses of Humanity.

The parade moved down Pennsylvania avenue between two densely packed masses of humanity. As the parade reached the capitol it swung northward by C street and Delaware avenue to the broad plaza on the east front. The carriages of the President and members of the cabinet had moved ahead, the President taking position on the reviewing stand directly at the easterly entrance of the capitol. He stood under a little canopy of red, white and blue,

surrounded by his cabinet associates and prominent men of the senate, house of representatives and various walks of public life. As the various divisions of the procession passed the reviewing stand the regulation salute to the President was given and returned. At the close of the review, the various organizations departed, only the United States cavalry regiment remaining to escort the President back to the white house.

Exercises in the House.

After the parade came imposing exercises in the hall of the house of representatives, where gathered as distinguished a company as its walls had ever held. On the floor were the President and the members of his cabinet, the members of the senate and house, the ambassadors and ministers of foreign countries in full court uniform, the chief justice and associate justices of the supreme court in their judicial robes, Lieutenant General Miles and many distinguished officers of the army and navy who had received the thanks of Congress, the governors of more than half the states in the Union and the commissioners of the District of Columbia, while the galleries were resplendent with the wealth and culture of the national capital. As a spectacle nothing could have been more inspiring or impressive. The bright sun streaming through the ground glass ceiling on which were the arms of the several states, flooded the hall with light and heightened the effect of the gowns of the ladies in the galleries, the glittering uniforms on the floor and the elaborate statement of decoration which submerged the hall in a sea of color. Never before in the history of the house has the staid old legislative hall with its severe gold and white galleries and its plain marble rostrum been decorated to anything like the extent it was to-day.

Hall Swathed With Flags.

A party of jacks from the government yacht Dolphin had literally swathed the hall in flags. The fronts of the galleries were hidden by them, the brass railings which marked off the lobbies were festooned with them and the speaker's marble rostrum was covered with them. Not more than half were American flags and this fact was at first rather startling until the full beauty of the color scheme dawned upon the spectators. From the galleries every other flag was that of a foreign country. The royal flag of England was draped from the reserved gallery on the east, next the executive gallery, and the imperial black, white and red of Germany on the right. The crested flag of Austro-Hungary, the tri-color of France, the royal ensign of Russia, the green, white and red of Mexico and even the red and yellow of Spain were there. But below circling the hall and walling in the distinguished assemblage were the glorious buff and blue under which the continental army of Washington had achieved the independence of the American republic, while fronting the audience back of the speaker's desk the beautiful silk flag of the republic and from it stretching away on either side over the paintings of Lafayette and Washington, blazed the stars and stripes.

Old Continental Flags.

The flags of the continental army, many of which were old and tattered, had been brought from the war department for the occasion. The cumbersome swinging chairs had been removed from the hall and smaller chairs substituted to economize space. Circling the area in front of the speaker's rostrum were large leather chairs for the President, his cabinet and the members of the supreme court. The members of the house were seated on the left, leaving the whole right of the hall for the visitors. The procession into the hall was a stately one. The door-keeper announced each division as it appeared at the main door. First came Senator Frye, president pro tempore, and the members of the senate. Senator Frye ascended the rostrum and took his place beside Speaker Henderson, and the senators seated themselves in the first three rows on the right. The members of the senate were followed by Chief Justice Fuller and the associate justices of the supreme court, in their judicial robes. They were seated opposite the place reserved for the President and his cabinet. Next came the ambassadors and ministers to the United States and other members of the diplomatic corps, headed by Lord Pauncefoote.

Roosevelt Smiled and Bowed.

They were seated immediately behind the members of the senate. The governors of states and territories, headed by Governor Scofield, of Wisconsin, sat in the rear of the diplomatic corps. There was much eager curiosity to see Governor Roosevelt, of New York, and he acknowledged the attention manifested by smiling and bowing to the right and left. Following the governors came Lieutenant General Miles in full uniform, the commissioners of the District of Columbia and the members of the centennial committee at large. The President and members of the cabinet were the last to enter the hall. They were escorted to the chairs reserved for them by President McFarland, of the District commissioners. Meantime the speakers of the occasion, Senators Hoar, Daniel and McComas, and Representatives Payne and Richardson, had taken places facing the assemblage at the desk immediately below the president's officers. When all had been seated, Speaker Henderson called the distinguished gathering to order and briefly explained the purpose of the celebration.

Everybody rose and stood with bowed head while Dr. Milburn, the blind chaplain of the senate, offered an impressive invocation in his wonderful rich and vibrant voice.

Jointly Called to Order.

The speaker then turned the gavel over to Senator Frye, who called the joint assemblage to order and introduced Mr. Richardson, of Tennessee, the minority leader of the house, who delivered the opening address on the transfer of the seat of government from Philadelphia.

Mr. Richardson's address was generously applauded.

The address of Mr. Payne, of New York, the floor leader of the majority in the house, on the "Establishment of the seat of government in the District of Columbia," afforded an interesting glimpse into the political machinations of the forefathers and received marked attention.

Senator McComas, of Maryland, followed with an address on the "History of the first century of the national capital." It also was well received.

The fervid eloquence of Senator Daniel, who spoke on "The future of the United States and its capital," repeatedly aroused the assemblage to applause.

Senator Hoar, of Massachusetts, concluded the exercises with a finished and scholarly historical oration.

The exercises were concluded at 6:15.

After dissolving the joint session, Senator Frye turned the gavel over to Speaker Henderson and the house immediately adjourned.

General Miles Thrown From Horse.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Lieutenant General Miles had a slight accident while heading the centennial parade to-day, a break in his horse's saddle girth giving the general a fall. The head of the parade had just passed the President's reviewing stand and General Miles having saluted the President had turned his horse toward the capitol. The saddle girth suddenly parted, permitting the saddle to turn on the animal and General Miles was seen to fall sideways. The horse did not plunge, and an officer sprang forward. Being a good horseman, General Miles saved himself from being thrown with force, and suffered nothing save the inconvenience and annoyance of the accident. He soon afterward appeared with the other distinguished officials in the house of representatives and took part in the exercises.

Michigan After Corporations.

LANSING, Mich., Dec. 12.—For the third time in two years, the state legislators convened here to-day in special session, called by Governor Fingle. Consideration of a measure taxing railroads, telephone and telegraph companies, express companies and other forms of corporate property on the cash value of their property, instead of specifically upon their earnings, was under the present law, is the object of the session.

No Decision in Morrison Case.

EL DORADO, Kan., Dec. 12.—At 10 o'clock to-night Judge Shinn again sent the Morrison jury to bed, directing them to resume deliberations on the case at 8:30 o'clock in the morning.

MIDNIGHT BRIEFS.

Roland Reed was reported to be in about the same condition as Tuesday. His illness is regarded as serious.

The Illinois Staats Zeitung, a leading German newspaper of Chicago, was sold at auction to Mrs. Margherita Raster, widow of Herman Raster, who was editor of the paper from 1867 to 1890.

The regents of the University of California have formally appointed Prof. W. W. Campbell director of the Lick observatory. Prof. Campbell has been acting director since the death of Prof. Keeler.

Captain Chester called from Smyrna Wednesday. In order to rejoin the Kentucky. Prior to his departure he thanked the authorities for his agreeable visit, of which he said he will retain the most pleasant memories.

William E. Wood, vice president of the Crocker-Worthington National Bank, of San Francisco, is dead, after an illness of only a few hours. He formerly was associated in business enterprises with the late Charles Crocker, the railroad magnate.

Miss Helen Baldr, leading lady in "The Man From Mexico," died at St. Paul yesterday from typhoid pneumonia. Miss Baldr was known in private life as Miss Lena Schoenmaker. She was a native of New York, and formerly appeared in the Ada Rehan company.

The British steamer, Lake Chaplain, which sailed from Liverpool Wednesday morning for Halifax, and on board Companies A, B, and L of the Royal Canadian regiment, formed the contingent which has been in England for about a fortnight, on its way home from South Africa.

Announcement is made that the Republican caucus to agree upon a candidate for United States senator, to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of M. S. Quay, of Pennsylvania, will be called to meet on Tuesday night, January 1, at 8 o'clock. The legislature meets in biennial session at noon that day.

The negotiations of the powers in regard to the joint China note were concluded satisfactorily Tuesday, all agreeing to the conditions outlined as outlined by Count von Buelow, the imperial chancellor of Germany. November 10, with the exception of the introductory clause, saying the demands are irrevocable, which is eliminated.

Mayor Fleischmann, of Cincinnati, refused to recede from his promise to grant a permit for a prize fight at Senneca last between February 1 and 14, between Jeffries and either Ruhlman, Sharkey or Fitzsimmons. A delegation of Methodist ministers called on the mayor to protest, but he refused to reconsider his determination to permit the fight.

In the recheck, referring to the reports that a division of the German army had been recently armed with a new rifle, the minister of war, General von Gossler, admitted that in order to keep abreast with modern requirements, the war office was negotiating the purchase of a Scandinavian inventor for the pattern of an automatic breech-loader. The German ship, May Gertrude, which put to sea last week from Astoria, on her way to the United Kingdom, and later was reported as having foundered off the Washington coast with all on board, has been sighted off San Francisco port.

TELEGRAPHERS JUBILANT OVER THE PROSPECTS.

Permanent Headquarters Established at a Topeka Hotel Where Messages Are Being Received.

OFFICERS FEEL CONFIDENT.

Say They Have More Applications Than They Have Places—Horr! Dolphin Lost His Pass.

TOPEKA, Kans., Dec. 12.—J. A. Newman, chairman of the Santa Fe grievance committee, arrived here to-day to confer with the striking operators. Mr. Newman is very sanguine about the ultimate result of the strike.

"I have just received a report from the Chicago division," said Mr. Newman, "stating that we have had numerous accessions to our ranks and that the boys there are jubilant over the condition of things. Repeated messages from trainmen on the Chicago division assure me that most of the operators are out. Conductors say that they have great difficulty in running their trains, some of which are late."

"In the Topeka depot office three men and one woman are at work. In the general office here three new men are working."

Mr. Newman has been on the road for two days and has not been at any one place long enough to receive complete dispatches from all parts of the system. All he has received, however, indicate, he says, that the strike conditions are decidedly favorable for the operators.

Permanent headquarters for the strikers have been established in a Topeka hotel, where messages can be constantly received from all parts of the system.

Will Begin Active Campaign.

TOPEKA, Kans., Dec. 12.—President M. M. Dolphin, of the Order of Railway Telegraphers, will arrive here to-morrow at 4 o'clock and will take personal charge of the strike operations in this district. Mr. Dolphin left Galveston yesterday for Topeka. He had not proceeded far before the conductor took up his annual pass and required him to pay full fare. It is understood that all the names of the operators' officers have been revoked. As soon as Mr. Dolphin arrives here the strike will take on a new life. Arrangements have been made by the local chairman to begin an active campaign for the support of the other railroad organizations as soon as he arrives to take personal charge.

Quiet in Santa Fe.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 12.—At General Manager Nevin's office it is stated to-day in regard to the Santa Fe strike that everything is as quiet and serene as if there had been no strike. Chief Clerk Henderson claims that applications for positions continue to reach the general manager's office by the score and as all vacancies have been filled on the divisions under Mr. Nevin's jurisdiction, the applications have been referred to Vice President Barr, at Chicago.

HARD BLOW

To the Standard Oil Company—Nebraska Supreme Court Demands an Inspection of Its Books.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 12.—The supreme court to-day issued a formal order to the Standard Oil Company to permit the attorney general to inspect the books of the company giving the list of stockholders at present and from the time the company was organized, the minute books of the company and other books and papers. The order follows the decision of the court a week ago, wherein it declared it was competent to try the case of the attorney general against the Standard, in which it is sought to deprive it from the state on the ground that it is a trust. December 21 is the time allowed for the production of the books. The place is not designated, being optional with the company, but the attorney general must be notified and a copy of the list of books and papers furnished him.

MANLEY DECLINES.

Will Not Accept Office of Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 12.—Hon. Joseph H. Manley, of Maine, who has been in Washington for several days, left the city for Augusta this afternoon. Before leaving, Mr. McKinley informed the President that he would decline the office of commissioner of internal revenue, which had been offered to him. The chief reason animating him is the fact that he has been elected a member of the Maine house of representatives and believes it to be his duty to the people of his native state to serve them in that capacity, after having been thus honored by them. Mr. Manley expects to be elected speaker of the house.

Wenther Forecast for To-Day.

For Western Pennsylvania, fair Thursday, except snow near the lake; Friday, probably snow and colder; high westerly winds Thursday.

For